

Burt County Board Minutes



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Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
August 11, 2015
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment of their last meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Plaindealer, upon a 1st floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County's Website. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. The following members were present: Cliff Morrow, David Schold, Greg Brummond, Matt Connealy, Perry Rogers, Ted Connealy and Gerald Newill.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. upon motion by Newill, seconded by Rogers, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays-none. Chairman Morrow informed the public that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall.

Upon motion by M.Connealy, seconded by Rogers, the agenda was approved, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays-none.

Chairman declared the Public Hearing for the **implementation of a Lodging Tax in Burt County** open at 9:01 A.M.

Patty Plugge explained to the board that the fees(taxes) are collected via the Lodging Facilities and Campgrounds throughout the county, they send in these taxes monthly via the Form 64, which is the same form used to submit their 1% state Lodging Fee. She explained there are options for rates/funds collected; up to 2% can be collected for advertising/marketing and up to 2 % can be collected for improvements to infrastructure throughout the County. The County Board will be responsible for forming a committee, such committee will then be responsible to make recommendations of the Fund Spending to the County Board. The County Board is ultimately responsible for the tracking of the fund and deciding how the money would be spent. Plugge suggested that this is a great way to bring money in to Burt County and promoting what we have to offer by way of Lodging and Tourism in the County.

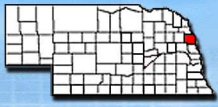
The Board opened up discussions to the public, and heard from representatives from the Lodging Industry:

Sheila Maryott owner of Decatur River Cabins expressed concerns of the Lodging Tax being collected and sent in to the Dept. of Revenue and the ability to post signage/billboards along the State Highways.

Alta Wolf spoke on behalf of the Decatur Village Board, expressing concerns of them having to raise the camper fees in Beck Park.

Bryson Peterson of AJ's Inn spoke and was concerned if the potential dollar amount gained would be worth the process/work of establishing the Program.

Mekonnen Wolde, owner of Tekamah Motel sees the income potential for marketing as a great benefit, but did ask the Board to consider just 1%.



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After public input, Chairman Morrow declared the public hearing closed at 9:30 A.M., and the Board went back into regular session.

Board Member Brummond made a **motion that Burt County establish a 2% Lodging Tax for an advertising/marketing Fund**. Schold seconded the motion, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Morrow, Schold, Brummond, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays - M.Connealy. Chairman Morrow instructed Co. Clerk Sarah Freidel and Patty Plugge to work together to start the process of establishing a Lodging Tax in Burt County. A resolution will be voted upon at the next regular Board Meeting.

Steve Cass delivered a bid to the Board for repairs to the **roof top A/C unit** that was damaged by a storm on July 28, 2015. Cass explained a repair estimate vs. a quote for a new rooftop A/C unit, a new unit was bid because the old unit was 15 years old and R22 that is needed is being phased out. M.Connealy moved to accept the bid to replace the unit with a new Lennox Landmark Rooftop unit for \$13,800.00, Brummond seconded the motion with roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays - none.

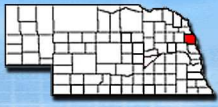
Lori Bray with Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership updated the Board on their Program Offerings including a Commodity Supplemental Food Program available to seniors. She explained that this area is underserved by them and asked for guidance to resources within Burt County that she could reach out to in order to establish and bring more of the Programs to those in need in Burt County.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Newill, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays - none.

The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of Fines, the District Court Fee Report and the Zoning Report for July were approved upon motion by M.Connealy, seconded by T.Connealy, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays - none.

The following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$304,232.33 and fund balances were approved upon motion by Rogers, seconded by Schold, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays - none.

ZONING PERMITS	460.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,023.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	1,175.38
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	483.57
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	270.00
DISTRICT COURT - REFUNDS	177.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	179.49
CO COURT-MISC FEES	41.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	1,144.39
INTOX - BREATH ANALYZER FEE	75.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	470.00



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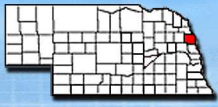
GUN PERMITS	60.00
OVERLOAD FINES-25% COUNTY SHARE	256.25
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	829.41
MISC REVENUE	772.96
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	20,413.05
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	82,931.11
TRANSFERS INTER-FUND gen.- road	100,000.00
CO CLERK-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	477.50
STOP PROGRAM	650.00
INHERITANCE TAX	74,615.13
PLAT BOOK SALES	17.00
911 WIRELESS	4,764.87
COUNTY 911	5,095.25
OVERLOAD FINES-75% STATE SHARE	768.75
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	4,391.00
COUNTY COURT BOND FORFEITURES	52.00
CRAIG FIRE- GENERAL	553.88
LYONS FIRE -GENERAL	14.10
DECATUR FIRE -BOND	13.47
LYONS FIRE -BOND	2.23
TEKAMAH CITY -GENERAL	31.00
IN LIEU TAXES	24.54

County Attorney Frank Barron gave the Board information on LB65 and the process of declaring Townships without boards inactive. M.Connealy made a motion for the Aug. 28th Agenda to include action to start the process of declaring those Townships without boards as inactive, Schold seconded the motion, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays – none.

Barron also updated the County Board on a big drug bust that was made in Burt County, and a pending lawsuit that will potentially be happening due to the bust. He explained that the Feds are looking at taking this case on, but if not, there will be court costs passed back onto the County.

Eric Devney was to come before the Board to discuss the possibility of turning a minimum maintenance road into a maintained County Road. Devney was looking into buying a piece of property, but before he does, he wanted to check into the possibility of having the County Roads Department maintain County Road ST west from Hwy. 75 if he would pay to have it brought up to standards. Devney did not show up at the Board meeting, but Roads Superintendent Peggy Smith assured the Board that easements are there if need be, but Devney would have to seriously consider his costs of bringing this Road up to the Standards for a County Road first.

Budget discussions took place between the Board and Smith, they are trying to figure out a way to trim the budget. New figures will come in from Fred Mytty at the next regular board meeting, Aug 28th.



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Various road projects were discussed. The Board stressed their desire to get the project on County Road C going somehow.

Treasurer Karen Grass presented a list of existing distress warrants to the Board. She reported that she will have some to be stricken after she talks with the Assessor.

Upon motion by M.Connealy, seconded by Brummond, Chairman Morrow signed the **Subgrant Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services Child Support Enforcement and Burt County Clerk of District Court**, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Morrow, Schold, Brummond, M.Connealy, Rogers, T.Connealy and Newill. Nays – none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M. until August 28, 2015.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

CLIFFORD L. MORROW, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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